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I. AMENDMENT; AND II. RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 27, 2006

MS Amendment

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Commissioner:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated July 27, 2006 ("the Action") for which the date for response was October 27, 2006. A request for a three-month extension of time is included along with the required fee. The three-month extension brings the deadline for response to January 29, 2007 (by virtue of January 27, 2007 being a Saturday), which is within the six-month statutory period. Should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Account No.: 50-1212/AMBI:063US.

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